of drugs have come down considerably;

(b) what was the wholesale price index of medicines before August, 1987 when the revised policy was brought into effect and what is the wholesale price index now;

(c) what are the medicines for which the prices had come down and what were the revised prices and prices before DPCO, 1987 of each pack of formulation;

(d) what was the price of Deonil tablets before price decontrol and what is the price after price decontrol; and

(e) what were the prices of Prolution Injection, Salvigon Tablets, Actidil Tablets Acetron Tablets before DPCO 1987, their present price and percentage increase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a) and (c) The details of price decontrolled drugs where prices had been brought down due to Government's intervention is given at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CCI, Annexure No. 94] The prices before DPCO, 1987 are not readily available.

(b), (d) and (e) The required details to the extent available will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Identification of drugs in terms of sales turn-over

@1359. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1650 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the experts of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have discriminated in the matter of identifying drugs having sales turn-over of more than rupees fifty lakhs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the turn-over of Cyproheptadine and Diphenoxylate Hcl are less than rupees fifty lacs;

(c) if so, on what basis the experts agreed to the price control of these drugs and exclusion of Oxyfedrine, Polymixin-B-Sulphate, Glipizide and Catopril; and

(d) what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Sales turnover is not monitored.

(c) and (d). The Committee has recommended retention of these drugs under price control due to concentration in the formulation market by 2 companies in the case Cyproheptadine and very high concentration of formulation market by one company in the case of Diphenoxylate. The remaining drugs referred to in the question were exempted from price contol under DPCO, 1987 on the basis of recommendations contained in the first report of the Kelkar Committee.

Price decontrolling of Timolol

@@1360. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1656 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th May, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drugs like Timolol can be price decontrolled ignoring the aspect that this drug is required for the National Health Programme;

@Previously Unstarred Question 845 transferred from the 25th July, 1989

@Previously Unstarred Question 846 transferred from the 25th July, 1989.